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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAWAKUMI, et al.**

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For. **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY  
AND THUS FORMED VESSEL BODY**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 3, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002 for three months from to December 11, 2002 to March 11, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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